

Mayor's Message

January 2010

When a **year** ends and a new one begins, it is a time to reflect upon the events that occurred as well as an opportunity to make plans for the future. When a **decade** closes, it is even more interesting to review the past and remember what happened. As I have considered the many changes our City has seen, I thought a list highlighting some of the top events in each year would be as amazing to you as it was to me.

2000 - We all survived Y2K! Three gas turbine generators were beginning to come on line to provide another power resource for our City.

2001 - State Street and 5300 South received a major makeover with the Pointe @ 5300 and COSTCO opening. The Park Center and Willow Pond Park were both built for increased recreational and open space opportunities.

2002 - We participated in welcoming the world as part of the Winter Olympics. Murray City grew from 34,000 to 44,500 as unincorporated residents joined us.

2003 - We spent the year celebrating the Centennial of our City in grand style. The Cottonwood Street Overpass was completed giving us another north/south access road in the City and curbside recycling became a reality.

2004 - Planning began for future City Hall and public safety improvements or rebuilding.

2005 - A new big yellow pumper truck arrived at Station 82 to respond to emergencies and the Rose Garden in Murray Park was redesigned with a unique pergola.

2006 - The Intermountain Medical Center opened all of their hospitals. Murray Fire Department turned 100 years old and we began a major upgrade of our Power transmission system.

2007 - Fashion Place Mall began a major remodeling project and brought the Cheesecake Factory to Utah for the first time.

2008 - The National spotlight shone on Murray as we hosted a hometown gala for David Archuleta, finalist for American Idol. Station 82 was built to serve the area east of 900 East.

2009 - Murray City began providing ambulance service. Station 83 was rebuilt and relocated, including an Emergency Operations Center. We hosted the Babe Ruth World Series at Ken Price Ballpark.

With this decade in the record books, I am looking forward to the next one. It is a great privilege to serve as your Mayor and I appreciate your help and support. Happy New Decade!